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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS MISSION FOR THE REFERENDUM IN WESTERN SAHARA

Report of the Fifth Committee (Part III)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 119 entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" appear in the reports of the Committee contained in documents A/49/808 and Add.1.

2. At its 62nd and 66th meetings, on 7 and 14 July 1995, the Fifth Committee considered the item further. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/49/SR.62 and 66).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/49/L.61

3. At the 66th meeting, on 14 July 1995, the representative of Sweden introduced a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara" (A/C.5/49/L.61), which was submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/49/L.61 without a vote (see para. 5).

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III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

5. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Recalling Security Council resolution 690 (1991) of 29 April 1991, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara and its subsequent resolutions, the latest of which was resolution 1002 (1995) of 30 June 1995,

Recalling also its resolution 45/266 of 17 May 1991 and its decisions 47/451 A, B and C of 22 December 1992, 8 April and 14 September 1993, respectively, 48/467 of 23 December 1993 and 49/466 A and B of 23 December 1994 and 6 April 1995, respectively, on the financing of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

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1/ A/49/559/Add.1 and Corr.1.

2/ A/49/771/Add.1.

1. Takes note of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara as at 7 July 1995, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of $20,270,659 United States dollars, and urges all Member States concerned to make every possible effort to ensure the payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. Expresses concern about the financial situation with regard to peace-keeping activities, particularly in regard to the reimbursement of troop- and equipment-contributing countries, resulting from overdue payments by Member States of their assessments, particularly Member States in arrears;

3. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission promptly and in full;

4. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee; 2/

5. Requests the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

6. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 28,839,700 dollars gross (26,556,300 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995 authorized under the provision of General Assembly decision 49/466 B of 6 April 1995;

7. Also decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 28,839,700 dollars gross (26,556,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995 among Member States in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991 and 47/218 A of 23 December 1992 and its decision 48/472 A of 23 December 1993, the scale of assessments for the year 1994 3/ to be applied against a portion thereof, that is, 4,912,257 dollars gross (4,523,326 dollars net), which is the amount pertaining on a pro rata basis to the period ending 31 December 1994, and the scale of assessments for the year 1995 4/ to be applied against the balance, that is 23,927,443 dollars gross (22,032,974 dollars net), for the period from 1 January to 31 May 1995, inclusive;

8. Further decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 7 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 2,283,400 dollars approved for the period from 1 December 1994 to 31 May 1995, inclusive;

3/ See resolutions 46/221 A and 48/223 A and decision 47/456.

4/ See resolution 49/19 B.

9. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 4,806,600 dollars gross (4,426,000 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 to 30 June 1995, authorized under the provision of General Assembly decision 49/466 B of 6 April 1995;

10. Also decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 4,806,600 dollars gross (4,426,000 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 1 to 30 June 1995 in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

11. Further decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 10 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 380,600 dollars approved for the period from 1 to 30 June 1995, inclusive;

12. Decides to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara the amount of 16,777,500 dollars gross (15,288,300 dollars net) for the operation of the Mission for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1995;

13. Also decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 16,777,500 dollars gross (15,288,300 dollars net) among Member States for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1995 in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution;

14. Further decides that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 13 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 1,489,200 dollars approved for the period from 1 July to 30 September 1995, inclusive;

15. Decides to authorize the Secretary-General to enter into commitments for the operation of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara for the period after 30 September 1995 at a monthly rate not to exceed 5,592,500 dollars gross (5,096,100 dollars net) and that these amounts be assessed on Member States in accordance with the scheme set out in the present resolution, subject to extension of the mandate of the Mission by the Security Council beyond 30 September 1995;

16. Invites voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 43/230 of 21 December 1988 and 44/192 A of 21 December 1989;

17. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara".